

What is claimed:

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1 1. A method for protecting a material from termite infestation, comprising treating the
2 material with an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of
3 nootkatone, zizanol, and bicyclovetivenol, wherein the treated material repels or kills
4 termites substantially more than does an otherwise identical material that has not been treated
5 with the compound.

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1 2. A method as in claim 1, wherein the treated material repels termites.

1 3. A method as in claim 1, wherein the treated material kills termites.

1 4. A method as in claim 1, wherein the material to be treated is selected from a list
2 comprising soil, substrate, plastics, diatomaceous earth, and any cellulose-containing
3 materials.

1 5. A method as in claim 1, wherein the compound is nootkatone.

1 6. A method as in claim 1, wherein the compound is zizanol.

1 7. A method as in claim 1, wherein the compound is bicyclovetivenol.

1 8. A method as in claim 1, additionally comprising treating the material with a one or
more different compounds selected from the group comprising nootkatone, α -cedrene,
zizanol and bicyclovetivenol.

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1 9. A composition for a protective barrier against termite infestation, said barrier
2 composition comprising an effective amount of a compound selected from the group
3 consisting of nootkatone, zizanol and bicyclovetivenol, and a substrate material, wherein
4 such treated barrier repels or kills termites substantially more than does an otherwise
5 identical barrier that has not been treated with the compound.

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1 10. A composition as in Claim 9, wherein the substrate material is a mulch.

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- 1 11. A composition as in Claim 10, wherein the mulch is dried vetiver grass.
- 1 12. A composition as in Claim 10, wherein the mulch is another cellulose-containing
2 material.
- 1 13. A composition as in Claim 9, wherein the substrate material is soil.
- 1 14. A composition as in Claim 9, wherein the substrate material is diatomaceous earth.
- 1 15. A composition as in claim 9, wherein the compound is nootkatone.
- 1 16. A composition as in Claim 15, wherein the concentration of nootkatone in said
2 barrier is between about 10 $\mu\text{g/g}$ and about 1000 $\mu\text{g/g}$.
- 1 17. A composition as in Claim 15, wherein the concentration of nootkatone in said
2 barrier is between about 10 $\mu\text{g/g}$ and about 200 $\mu\text{g/g}$.
- 1 18. A composition as in Claim 9, wherein the compound is zizanol.
- 1 19. A composition as in Claim 9, wherein the compound is bicyclovetivenol.
- 1 20. A composition as in claim 9, additionally comprising treating the material with a one
2 or more different compounds selected from the group comprising nootkatone, α -cedrene,
3 zizanol and bicyclovetivenol.
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1 21. A composition for a protective barrier against termite infestation, said barrier
2 composition comprising an effective amount of a compound selected from the group
3 consisting of nootkatone, zizanol, and bicyclovetivenol, and a wood building material,
4 wherein the treated building material repels or kills termites substantially more than does an
5 otherwise identical material that has not been treated with the compound.
- 1 22. A composition as in claim 21, wherein the compound is nootkatone.
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- 1 23. A composition as in Claim 22, wherein the concentration of nootkatone in said
2 barrier is between about 10 $\mu\text{g/g}$ and about 1000 $\mu\text{g/g}$.
- 1 24. A composition as in Claim 22, wherein the concentration of nootkatone in said
2 barrier is between about 10 $\mu\text{g/g}$ and about 200 $\mu\text{g/g}$.
- 1 25. A composition as in Claim 21, wherein the compound is zizanol.
- 1 26. A composition as in Claim 21, wherein the compound is bicyclovetivenol.
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3 27. A composition as in claim 21, additionally comprising treating the material with a
one or more different compounds selected from the group comprising nootkatone, α -cedrene,
zizanol and bicyclovetivenol.

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